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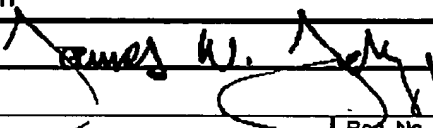
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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Multiple dependent claims

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Total Claims**Extra Claims**

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Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

All of the presently submitted references, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 through F5 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of pertinent portions of the Japanese Patent Office communication—which was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2002-294399, the foreign patent application on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present application—is submitted herewith.

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(A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety, with borders drawn around the text containing the rejections, follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 through F4 are available through the Japanese Patent Office Web site, and the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each reference.

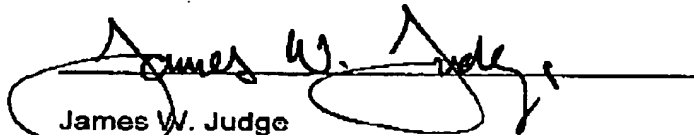
Furthermore, an English translation of Claim 1 in Cite No. F5, which is a published utility model, not patent, application, has been made available to Applicant's representative and is being submitted herewith. A Border has been drawn around the section in the Japanese original text corresponding to the partial English translation.

As the date on which the Japanese Patent Office communication citing the presently submitted information was November 24, 2004, an attestation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) cannot be made. Accordingly, a credit-card payment form authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), together with a Fee Transmittal form, also accompanies this paper.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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